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AMENDMENT

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This is in response to the Official action of January 9, 2006.

If an extension is required to avoid abandonment of the application, and no separate request for extension accompanies this response, please grant the necessary extension of time, and charge the extension fee to Howson and Howson's deposit account 08-3040.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims are in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.